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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Jay C. Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer,
Arizona Veterinary Medical Examining Board,
3251 East Speedway,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your request for our opinion as to whether a graduate of a recognized College of Veterinary Medicine, who is practicing as such in this State without examination may do so without first having obtained a license, please be advised as follows:

The practice of veterinary medicine is regulated by Article 19 of Chapter 67, A.C.A. 1939. Persons desiring to enter into such practice shall make application to your Board for an examination. If they succeed in obtaining a grade of 60% in the various subjects of the examination, they shall be entitled to a license to practice as a veterinarian.

Section 37-1905, A.C.A. 1939 provides in part as follows:

"* * * No person shall practice veterinary medicine or surgery in the state unless licensed and registered by the board as required herein, and whose authority to practice has not been suspended or revoked."

Section 67-1907, A.C.A. 1939 provides as follows:

"This article shall not include commissioned veterinary medical officers of the United States army or bureau of animal industry while so commissioned; or a person treating an animal belonging to himself, or the animal of his employer while in the regular service of such employer, or the animal of another without fee therefor; or a lawfully qualified veterinarian of other states or foreign country meeting a registered veterinarian in this state in consultation; or a veterinarian residing on the border of a neighboring state and authorized under the laws thereof to practice veterinary medicine therein,

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whose practice extends into this state, and who does not open an office or appoint a place to practice within this state."

If there is a violation of the veterinary act, the law imposes a penalty under the provisions of Section 67-1908, A.C.A. 1939, that it shall be a misdemeanor for the person found guilty thereof, subject to a fine of \$50.00 or imprisonment in the county jail not more than twenty-five days or both such fine and imprisonment.

If there is any person not within the exemptions who insists upon practicing veterinary medicine without a license, it is your duty to report such violation to the County Attorney of the county in which the person practicing without a license is situated.

Very truly yours,

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Special Assistant
Attorney General